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In response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 7, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. While no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/INFN/SZ0010/GGM for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

A listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.